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SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to an office action concerning the patent application identified above, mailed from the PTO on May 15, 2000. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1/and 25 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A modular microchannel apparatus for analysis of an analyte,

comprising:

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